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A.—(*a*) The Government have not the information.

(*b*) It is not clear to what enhanced rates of water-cess the hon. Member is referring. There has been no general enhancement of the rates of water-cess for the whole Presidency.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know whether the hon. Member will be pleased to call for the required information and place it on the table of the House? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I will consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know what additional revenue the Government have got in each district by altering the existing rate into a flat rate? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I have already stated I do not understand to what enhancement the hon. Member is referring."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" As a matter of fact, in Tanjore they have put the rate at Rs. 7–2–0, in Guntur they have put it at Rs. 6–4–0. For each delta they have fixed a flat rate. I want to know what is the increase in revenue that the Government have realized by introducing this flat rate? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I am not sure that the differential water-rate system is in force in Tanjore."

Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU:—" May I know whether there are not lands which under the differential water-rate system were paying Rs. 3 only but which are now being charged Rs. 6–4–0—an increase of over 100 per cent—and whether the ryots of these lands have not been particularly hard hit? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The ryots of these lands have been particularly fortunate in having had to pay such a low water-rate for so long."

Extension of kistbandi from three to four months.

* 500 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal for raising the number of instalments for payment of the land revenue from three to four in all places where there are only three instalments from January to March?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to increase the number of instalments from 3 to 4, considering the sad plight of the ryots? "

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The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"The question of kistbandi throughout the Province was examined in 1931 and 1932 and I am not prepared to reopen the general question again so early as this."

Levy of additional charges in cases of attachment of property for arrears of land revenue.

* 501 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that certain additional charges are levied in cases of attachment of property for arrears of land revenue besides collecting the actual arrears?

A.—Yes, when a special paid agency is employed for the purpose.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I ask whether it is not a fact that, without appointing any paid agency, the Government are charging extra fees for attachment of property?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I am not aware of it, Sir."

Floods in the districts of Godavari East and Godavari West.

* 502 *Q.*—Mr. G. SRIRAMULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there were recurring floods in the East and West Godavari districts on account of the abnormal rains and the consequent rise of the Godavari this year;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that standing crops in all the taluks of both the districts were partially damaged and that those in the lankas were completely damaged;

(*c*) whether the reports of the local authorities on the condition of the crops in the districts and especially in the lankas have been received and, if so, whether they will be placed on the table of the House;

(*d*) what help has already been rendered by the Government to the ryots affected by the flood and whether there is any proposal before the Government to advance loans to the ryots of the flood-affected areas in the districts so as to enable them to cultivate future crops of the year; and

(*e*) whether there are any proposals before the Government to grant remissions to the ryots of the districts?

A.—(*a*) to (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the answers given to questions Nos. 447 and 448 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 10th November 1933 wherein the Government have already given particulars in respect of floods in the West Godavari district and the measures of financial relief taken by them.